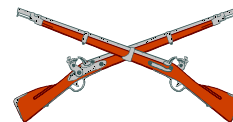




11 FEB 00 BENNING BULLETIN NO. 6



OFFICIAL:

1. GRADUATION:

UNIT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	GUEST SPEAKER	POC
A Co, 2-19 th IN Bn	11 Feb, 1000	Kanell Field, Sand Hill		SFC B. Kaiser, 544-8365
B, C, and D Co, 2/58 th IN	10 Mar 0900	Kanell Field Sand Hill		SSG Sternbridge, 544-8166/8154

2. FIELD OFFICER OF THE DAY/STAFF DUTY OFFICER:

FOD duty is at IN Hall (Rm 650): weekdays, 1600; weekend/holiday, 1600 last duty day; payday activities, 1130.

SDO duty is at IN Hall, EOC Rm W-87, then to Rm 111, weekdays, 1500; weekend/holiday, 1500 last duty day; payday activities, 1200.

DATE	FOD/SDO NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE
*12 FEB 00	MAJ BURNS, F.	11 th IN REGT	545-8192
*12 FEB 00	CPT FRITCHE, A.	11 th IN REGT	545-8788
*13 FEB 00	MAJ CUMMINGS, B.	11 th IN REGT	545-4798
*13 FEB 00	CPT HOLTON, K.	36 th ENGR GP	545-6205
14 FEB 00	MAJ PEROZO, L.	USARSA	545-1909
14 FEB 00	CPT BLANDFORD, M.	RTB	544-7282
15 FEB 00	MAJ MOSTELLER, S.	MPA	545-3239
15 FEB 00	CPT VILE, B.	11 th IN REGT	545-5863
16 FEB 00	LTC ILLI, G.	11 th IN REGT	545-6089
16 FEB 00	CPT JIMENEZ, R.	USARSA	545-2818
17 FEB 00	NOT AVAILABLE		
17 FEB 00	CPT MANNIS, T.	11 th IN REGT	545-6509
18 FEB 00	MAJ POUND, D.	11 th IN REGT	545-5413
18 FEB 00	CPT ROCKNE, E.	ITB	545-9590

* INDICATES WEEKEND/HOLIDAY DUTIES

POC is SPC Santillanez, 545-5127.

3. STAFF DUTY CHAPLAIN: The Staff Duty Chaplain can be reached for emergencies during non-duty hours through the Staff Duty Officer, Infantry Hall, 545-2218.

4. MILITARY POLICE: Official emergency telephone numbers for the Fort Benning MP Desk (911, 545-5222/3/4) are recorded for accuracy of record purposes (AR 190-30). POC is CPT Sides/MSG Jones, Law Enforcement Division, 545-4376.

5. DANGER FROM TRAINING PYROTECHNICS (SIMULATORS): Simulators used by units training at Fort Benning may have been abandoned in training areas throughout the installation. These innocent looking training devices (booby trap simulators, artillery ground burst simulators and M-80 firecrackers) will cause severe burns, loss of sight, loss of fingers or hands and even loss of life. They should be respected and treated as duds. Report the location of dud and training simulator devices to Range Division at 545-3474/3479, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. POC is Range Division, 545-1602.

6. POLYGRAPH SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO COMMANDERS: The CID office has a polygraph examiner who can assist commanders during the conduct of unit level investigations. Commanders are most exposed to the use of the polygraph as an investigative aid when it is employed by the MPA or CID in regards to an investigation involving members of their units. There are several occasions, however, when it may be beneficial as a commander to utilize polygraph support given directly without involving the MPA or CID. There are many criminal matters that are handled strictly on a unit level. Normally, requests to conduct polygraph examinations are only approved for felony offenses (a felony being defined as an offense for which the maximum punishment is imprisonment for one year or more). The exception to this rule is when the examinee requests an exculpatory examination.

These can be done on a case by case basis, even when the investigation does not involve a felony crime, depending on the case facts and the voluntariness of the person(s) request. In most cases the CID polygraph examiner is able to provide polygraph support without any CID Report of Investigation being opened or any blotter entry being made. For further information or to request a polygraph examination, contact Special Agent David Reisinger at 545-8914, DSN 835-8914, FAX 5271, or e-mail ReisingerD@benning.army.mil.

7. FORGOTTEN WIDOWS LAW CHANGE: Surviving spouses of reservists who were service members before 1 Oct 78 and would have been eligible for retired pay at age 60, if they hadn't died before reaching that age, have been added to those eligible for Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS). Section 644 of the FY98 DoD Authorization Act created a benefit for so-called "Forgotten widows". "Forgotten widows" was the category of surviving spouses who were previously ineligible for a survivor annuity because their retirement-qualified spouses died before having the opportunity to enroll them in either the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) created in 1972, or the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RC-SBP) created in 1978. Creating the ACMSS benefit remedied that situation for the most part. However, the military services went back to Congress to remedy one inequity. Under the FY98 DoD Authorization Act, the reserve member's death had to have occurred between 21 Sep 72 and 1 Oct 78, thereby disqualifying surviving spouses of qualified reserve members who died before 1972. Under FY00 DoD Authorization Act, the criteria for ACMSS qualifications now is that the deceased reserve member must have completed at least 20 qualifying years of service toward retirement, have been married to the applicant on date of death, and have died before 1 Oct 78. Criteria for regular retiree's surviving spouses remains "must have died before 21 Mar 74." POC is Avis Allen, Army Retirement Services, 325-9158, DSN 221-9158.

8. INSTALLATION MENU BOARD MEETING: The Installation Menu Board Meeting will be held Thursday, 24 Feb, at the Cook School (Bldg 2760) at 0900. Attendance of all unit Food Advisors and/or representative from all Food Service Activities is required. Food Advisors are encouraged to bring enlisted diners from their command to the Menu Board Meeting. POC is Mr. Hilton, 545-3750/7970.

9. THE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT: The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Enrollment Season is ending on 29 Feb. Military Retirees desiring to enroll in the SBP or increase their rate of participation during the SBP Open Enrollment Season must complete the Survivor Benefit Plan Open Enrollment Election, DD FORM 2656-3. All open enrollment elections must be received by the Director, DFAS-Cleveland Center, 1240 East 9th Street, Code FTBCB, Cleveland, OH 44199-2056, NLT 29 Feb 00.

POC: Mrs. Friede McDonald, Chief, Retirement Separations Division, 545-2715.

10. VINCENNES UNIVERSITY: Winter 2000 weekend Courses:

a. An American History Course (3 credit hours) will be held on 26-27 Feb, 11-12 Mar, and 18-19 Mar in Bldg 4, CR 60. Cost of the course is \$270.00 of which the Army will pay \$202.50 if you are approved for Tuition Assistance.

b. "Computer Awareness" seminar (1 credit hour) will be held on 12-13 Feb, 0800-1630, Bldg 4, CR 32. Cost of the course is \$90.00; however, the Army will pay \$67.50 if you are approved for Tuition Assistance.

c. "Career Planning" seminar (1 credit hour) will be held on 26-27 Feb, 0800-1630, Bldg 4, CR 61. Cost of the course is \$90.00; however, the Army will pay \$67.50 if you are approved for Tuition Assistance.

To find out more about Vincennes Courses, call 689-0098 or visit our office, Bldg 2614, Soldiers' Plaza.

11. COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY - MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA):

a. LOOK WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER:

- MBA degree attainable in less than 2 years, while working full time.
- Classes suited to the student's work schedule (evenings & weekends).
- The opportunity to *interact and network* with other working professionals.
- Located in a technology-intense region.

b. THREE EASY STEPS TO MAKE YOUR CAREER MOVE:

(1) For further information about Columbus State University, see <http://www.colstate.edu>; for further information about the Abbott Turner College of Business, see <http://atcob.colstate.edu>; and for further information about the Columbus community, visit <http://www.columbusga.com>.

(2) Write, call or e-mail the MBA program office at the following to request detailed information about the MBA degree program (provide your mailing address): Abbott Turner College of Business, Columbus State University, 4225 University Avenue, Columbus, GA 31907-5645; telephone: 568-2129, FAX 568-2184; e-mail: grad_studies@colstate.edu.

(3) To request the forms for application for graduate admission, call or e-mail the Office of Admissions at 568-2035 or <http://enroll.colstate.edu/admissions> (then click on admissions@colstate.edu at the bottom of the website to access the e-mail form).

12. NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES IN POST FAMILY HOUSING AREAS: Contractor employees are scheduled to be in the Family Housing areas through approximately 25 Feb. Technicon Engineering, Inc. personnel will inspect randomly selected units throughout Family Housing to compile a list of maintenance and repair projects for long-range planning and budgeting. Family Housing residents will receive a flyer listing Technicon employees participating in the survey. All employees will present occupants with a letter of introduction and will wear a nametag bearing the company and employee's name. POC is Mr. Jim Webb, 545-2346.

13. PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULES:

a. Yard Waste Schedule: There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing on Monday, 21 Feb. The next scheduled yard waste pick up will be on the following Monday, 28 Feb.

b. Refuse and Recycle Schedule: There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups on Monday, 21 Feb. Port, Kawamura, Fernandez Streets, and Indianhead Terrace areas normally scheduled for pick-up on Monday, will be picked up on Tuesday, 22 Feb. Refuse and recycle collection in Family Housing for Tuesday through Friday, 22-25 Feb, will be picked up as normally scheduled. POC is the DPW Construction Inspection Branch, 545-4232.

c. Self Help (U-DO-IT) Center: In observance of Presidents' Day (21 Feb) the Self Help Center, including the Loan Equipment Section and Venetian Blind & Shade Shop, will be closed on Saturday, 19 Feb through Monday, 21 Feb. The Self Help Center will reopen for business on Tuesday, 22 Feb at 0830. For additional information call Dr. William C. Shirley, 545-1121.

14. MACH PHARMACY AND REFILL PHARMACY TEMPORARY CLOSURE: The Martin Army Community Pharmacy Computer System will experience downtime due to a software upgrade beginning on Saturday, 19 Feb and will resume services on Monday, 21 Feb. This upgrade will affect all pharmacy services to include the call-in refill system. No prescriptions will be filled during this time. Further information can be obtained by calling 544-4666.

15. GREEN-TO-GOLD BRIEFING: A representative from the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, and Saint Leo University,

Saint Leo, FL, will give a brief on the ROTC Program. CPT Wright will provide information on scholarship opportunities, the Florida Army National Guard's 100% tuition program, and an overview of the University of South Florida. The briefing will be on 15 Feb, 0900-1300, Bldg 4, CR 50. For more information, call CPT Wright at (813) 974-4065, or view the website for the University of South Florida at www.usf.edu.

16. NATIONAL GRADUATE SCHOOL: The National Graduate School will offer its accelerated Master of Science program to the Fort Benning community. The scheduled start date is 8 Apr. A representative from the National Graduate School will be at Fort Benning on 16 Feb, Bldg 4, CR 51, 0900-1500. No appointment is necessary. The local contact for information is Ms. Pat Hunsaker, Bldg 2611, 682-6004. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 1300-1500. You may also contact an Education Counselor at the Army Education Center, Bldg 2602, 545-4863.

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17. BLACK HISTORY BREAKFAST: General Johnnie E. Wilson (Retired Army) will be the guest speaker at the Black History Breakfast on 21 Feb, 0730, at the Trade Center, Columbus, Georgia. Proceeds will benefit the House of Mercy. For ticket information, contact Dr. Henry Cook, Chairman, 322-3218. Tickets are \$25.00.

18. THE FORT BENNING-COLUMBUS POST OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS: The Fort Benning-Columbus Post of the Society of American Military Engineers will meet on 17 Feb, at the 36th Engineers' Warrior Dining Facility, Bldg 2889, on 1st Infantry Bde Loop beginning at 1130 for pre-meeting lunch and socializing. Meeting will run from 1200-1300. Speaker will be Mr. Richard Bishop, Columbus Assistant City Manager, with an overview of construction projects to be funded with the recently passed city sales tax.

19. FOR SALE: 1998 Volvo VN660, Cummings N14Plus, 435/500 HP, 9 Spd, 3.55 Ratio Rear Axle, 22.5 Disc, Air ride, Foglights, Engine Brake, 61" Sleeper, Premium Interior. Call (706) 563-2559.

20. CONTACT HELPLINE: Contact Helpline invites you to take part in a free training program leading to volunteer service with the 24 hour telephone helpline. To register call 327-3999.

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